



September 30, 2002

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney  
President of the Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-0010

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a legislative proposal to reauthorize the programs of the Technology Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology and to make a number of improvements to the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program. In addition, the proposal includes a number of technical amendments to repeal or amend redundant or archaic provisions in current law.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the transmittal of this legislative proposal to the Congress and that its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theodore W. Kassinger".

Theodore W. Kassinger

Enclosure

**Identical letters sent to:**

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6501

The Honorable Thomas A. Daschle  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1601

The Honorable Trent Lott  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-7010

The Honorable Richard K. Armey  
Majority Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6503

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt  
Minority Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6502

The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings  
Chairman, Committee on Commerce,  
Science and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-6125

The Honorable John McCain  
Ranking Minority Member  
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The Honorable Sherwood L. Boehlert  
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